

Workforce Partnership of Greater Rhode Island

Youth Council Minutes

May 20, 2010

Present: Everett Amaral, David Banno, Alexis Devine, Joseph DiPina, Alberto DeBurgo, Cynthia Farrell, Sharon Gainey, Victoria Gaillard-Garrick, Elizabeth Gilheeney, Lee Lewis Michael Montanaro, Scott Seaback, Philip Stone

Absent: Sue Babin, Vanessa Cooley, Andrew DeTora, Lissa Dryer, Dorothy Mattiello, Kathleen Stoddart, Andrew Tyska, Deborah Anthes

Staff: Carlos Ribeiro, Sharon Geoffrey, Pamela Blais, Brian Gambardella, Shirley Winslow, Kara Aniballi

Guests: Jo-Anne Thibedeau, Sherri Carello, Lori Marchand, Bianca Policastro, Helga Ferreira

With a quorum present Chair Cynthia Farrell called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Minutes of March 18, 2010

Chair Cynthia Farrell requested the Youth Council to review the minutes from March 18, 2010 meeting.

VOTE: Joseph DiPina motioned to accept the minutes. Philip Stone

seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Woonsocket Youth Center Presentation

Cynthia Farrell introduced Woonsocket's Youth Service Supervisor, Megan Eddy whom presented the council with a variety of pamphlets illustrating the types of programs offered to youth ages 14-21. Megan presented the following services:

- Referrals to community resources and youth programs**
- Career exploration**
- Job readiness workshops**
- Guest speakers**
- Academic skill building**
- Grow Up, a community gardening project**
- Tutoring and homework help**
- College planning**
- Youth Plus, a credit recovery program for high school students**
- Case management**
- Leadership development**
- Referrals to summer jobs**

Over 300 hundred youth are approximately being served.

Chairs Report/Up Dates (New Youth Council Members)

Cynthia Farrell introduced to the council the two individuals who will be filling the seats of a former WIA youth and the parent of a WIA

youth. Lori Marchand is an employee of Blackstone Community Action Program and is the parent of a former WIA youth. The second member introduced to the council was Helga Ferreira also an employee of Blackstone Valley Community Action Program, her seat will be representing a former WIA youth.

VOTE: Sharon Gainey motioned to accept Lori Marchand and Helga Ferreira on to the Youth Council. Elizabeth Gilheeney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairs Report/Up Dates (Vice Chair)

Cynthia reiterated the need for a Youth Council Vice chair for meetings to ensue in her absence. Elizabeth Gilheeney volunteered to take on the responsibilities of vice chair.

JDF/WIA Enrollments

Carlos Ribeiro stated that even with the loss of JDF funds there are still 12 youth centers and 5 vendors. The numbers of youths being served have not decreased although services have.

2010 JDF

Vendor Contracted To Serve

EBCAP-East Bay Youth Center 400

CCAP-West Bay Youth Center 450

Family Resources- Woonsocket YC 450

CCAP- Pawtucket Youth Center 500

South County CA- SC Youth Center 400

Carlos proceeded to discuss WIA 2010 enrollments, 610 WIA youth will be served in 2010; this amount is more than the number of youth served in 2008 and 2009 combined.

Vendor Contracted to Serve

RiverzEdge 10

BVCAP 20

Boys and Girls Club of EP 60

My Turn 100

CCAP 60

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2010 WIA

Family Resources-Woonsocket YC 60

CCAP-Pawtucket YC 60

South County CA-YC 60

EBCAP-East Bay YC 60

CCAP-West bay Youth Center 60

MY TURN-2010 WIA Contract

On April 27, 2010 MY TURN Board of Directors voted on a new business plan that resulted in the withdrawal of MY TURN from Rhode Island. MY TURN officially withdrew their 2010 WIA contract in the amount of \$270,000.00. Carlos Ribeiro presented three plans to the council of what to do with the funding.

Plan A: Increase levels of funding to current vendors to serve more youth. Use pre-unit cost of MY TURN's younger youth in school population and serve 100 youth at \$2,700.00 per youth.

Plan B: Wait until September and evaluate how current programs are

enrolling and subsequently allot up to \$50,000.00 per program.

Plan C: Conduct another RFP

The council discussed with Carlos what would be more beneficial for the programs and it was decided that plan A and B, would make more sense.

2010-Summer Program (pending funding)

Carlos Ribeiro stated that there is currently an agreement with Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) for 4 vocational technical schools to serve 270 youth this summer under the remaining 2009 ARRA summer funding and we are currently in agreements at the fiscal level.

If Rhode Island is presented with further 2010 ARRA money for summer programs Cynthia Farrell proposed to match what was spent in 2009 on summer youth programs for ages 14-24 and then funnel the remainder, if any, to the Voc. Tech summer programs. Money will be allotted to programs based on how they ranked on their RFP from top to bottom to fund as many programs possible.

If there is more than 3 million dollars in funding the youth council agrees to reconvene to take another vote.

VOTE: Elizabeth Gilheeney motioned to accept the above proposal

Victoria Gaillard-Garrick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Schedule 2010/2011 Meetings

Youth Council meetings from September 2010 –May 2011 will take place the third Thursday of each month from 8:30am-10:30pm at the Department of Labor and Training in room 73-2.

YOUTH COUNCIL SCHEDULE

September 9, 2010 January 13, 2010 April 14, 2010

October 14, 2010 February 10, 2010 May 12, 2010

November 10, 2010 March 10, 2010

Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

The next meeting of the Youth Council is scheduled for Thursday September 09, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.